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TO:

Lowell P. Braxton, Director

THRU:

Mary Ann Wright, Associate Director

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Wayne Hedberg, Permit Supervisor

FROM:

Tom Munson, Senior Reclamation Specialist

RE:

Request for Approval of Transfer of Notice of Intention, from Castle Rock Land and Livestock, LC to Holnam, Inc., Diatomics #1-8 Mine, S/045/048, Tooele County, Utah

On September 25, 2001, Holnam Inc. submitted a Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations (SMO) along with a \$100.00 permit fee for their proposed Skull Valley Diatomics project. A new file number (S/045/060) was assigned to this new notice. It was later discovered that the property was owned by Castle Rock Land and Livestock LC, who also had a small mining permit, file number S/045/048 for this same area.

On October 26, 2001, we received a letter from Castle Rock Land and Livestock requesting that we close and release Castle Rock from their small mining file (S/045/048) and replace it with the SMO which Holnam recently submitted. We were advised that Holnam, Inc. had been operating this project for Castle Rock and they were now taking over this project from Castle Rock and permitting it under their own company. We informed both Holnam and Castle Rock that we would require a transfer of small mining operations be completed before we could release Castle Rock from further responsibility at this site and before we would accept Holnam's new notice. On November 23, 2001, we received the completed and signed small mining transfer.

If you are in agreement with the acceptance of the transfer of this small mining project, please sign and date the enclosed transfer document. We will then accept Holnam's new notice as the operator for this project and release Castle Rock from further mining and reclamation responsibility at this site. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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Enclosure: Transfer cc: file S/045/060 S45-48-transfer.doc